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REPORT NO. TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and Supply Shipments by RailEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED

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REMARKS

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1. The following troop trains between 4 and 14 May 1953:

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<u>Date</u> <u>in May</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
4	14 boxcars and 44 flatcars	Rathenow	Gardelegen
5	12 boxcars and 34 flatcars	Rathenow	Gardelegen
	8 boxcars and 27 flatcars	Satzkorn	Colbitz
	8 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Satzkorn	Colbitz
7	7 boxcars and 27 flatcars	Velten	Altengrabow
12	32 boxcars, 15 flatcars and 2 tank cars	Boetzow	Welzow
13	13 boxcars, 15 flatcars and 1 tank car	Boetzow	Welzow
14	40 boxcars and 13 flatcars	Brandenburg	Mahlwinkel

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2. The troop trains from Boetzow to Welzow on 12 and 13 May allegedly carried the entire personnel and equipment of an air force unit which was transferred to Welzow. ¹

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3. On 7 May, a troop train arrived at Gardelegen from the direction of Oebisfelde. The train consisted of 31 flatcars with 24 artillery pieces of 100 to 120 mm, 12 to 16 prime movers and 12 trucks.

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The unit was unloaded and drove to the woods south of Ipse.

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4. On 7 May, a troop train of 7 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 18 flatcars carrying 18 trucks arrived at Gardelegen from the direction of Oebisfelde. One hour later, another troop train of 4 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 25 flatcars with 25 trucks arrived from the same direction.

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5. On 8 May, a troop train of 3 boxcars with ammunition and 24 flatcars carrying 18 x 120-mm artillery pieces and 15 trucks arrived at Gardelegen from the direction of Oebisfelde.

6. In the evening of 8 May, 18 radio trucks arrived by road at Ipse. The vehicles were heavily soiled.

7. Between 10 and 15 May, neither eastbound nor westbound troop trains passed through the Kuestrin railroad station.

8. The following troop trains and supply shipments were identified between 9 and 19 May:

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	<u>Date</u> <u>in May</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u> <u>or Shipment</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	9	7 boxcars and 18 flatcars	Finsterwalde	Kroepelin
	12	32 boxcars, 15 flatcars and 1 tank car	Boetzow	Welzow
		10 boxcars and 10 flatcars	Dallgow	Finsterwalde
		24 boxcars with ammunition	Magdeburg	Dallgow
		1 boxcar and 12 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Kirchmoeser
	13	32 cars	Koenigswuster- hausen	Altengrabow
		4 cars	"	Kirchmoeser
		1 car	"	Kirchmoeser
		2 cars	"	Satzkorn
	14	23 boxcars, 15 flatcars and 1 tank car	Boetzow	Welzow
	18	27 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Velten	Welzow

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- 25X1 9. [redacted] a troop train of 3 boxcars, 20 siderack flatcars, and 2 SS-type flatcars with new trucks went from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Frankfurt/Oder on 15 May.
- 25X1 10. Shipments observed on 17 May included: an SS-type flatcar with T-43 tank [redacted] from Leisnig to Wuengdorf; 5 [redacted] and 4 flatcars with artillery pieces from Halle to Hennigsdorf. 6
11. On 18 May, a troop train passed through Ruhland toward Falkenberg. The train consisted of 20 boxcars with 20 to 25 soldiers each, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 1 JS-3 tank, 15 trucks and 4 or 5 radio trucks and repair shop trucks respectively.

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Date in May	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
18	21 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Boetzow	Welzow
22	39 boxcars, 29 flatcars, 5 tank cars and 2 gondola cars	Elstal	Brandenburg Altstadt

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13. The following shipments [redacted] on 12 and 13 May:

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Date in May	Shipment	From	To
12	32 boxcars, 15 flatcars and 2 tank cars	Boetzow	Welzow
	10 boxcars and 10 flatcars with ammunition	Dallgow	Finsterwalde
	24 boxcars with ammunition	Magdeburg	Dallgow
	1 boxcar and 12 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Kirchmoese
13	32 cars	Koenigswusterhausen	Altengraben
	4 cars	"	Kirchmoese
	1 car	"	Kirchmoese
	2 cars	"	Satzkorn

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[REDACTED] Comment. The troop trains [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] from Boetzow to Welzow were previously reported. The information in

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paragraph 2 indicates that the target-tow unit previously stationed at Schcenwalde airfield was transferred to Welzow airfield. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. The troop train to Muhlwinkel either carried an air force unit or an army unit. An air force unit would have probably gone to Muhlwinkel airfield, while an army unit would have moved to the area south of Stendal for field exercises. As, on 9 May 1953, an air force construction unit had been transported from Muhlwinkel airfield to Brandenburg-Arado airfield, it is believed that this unit possibly returned to Muhlwinkel on 14 May 1953. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] all movements were conducted by units of the IV Arty Corps. The troop train on 7 May 1953 carried a component of the 6th Arty Div; the other troop train on the same day elements of the 18th How Arty Brig (US); and the troop train on 8 May 1953 a component of the 34th Arty Div (US). The radio trucks observed in the evening of 8 May 1953 probably belong to a headquarters unit of the IV Arty Corps. The troop trains on 7 and 8 May 1953 arrived at Gardelegen probably from Altengrabow, although it is unusual that the trains should have gone via Oebisfelde. At the same time on 4 and 5 May 1953, two troop trains with elements of the 25th RL Brig and Hq IV Arty Corps were dispatched from Rathenow to Gardelegen. Thus, it can be assumed that, on and after 8 May 1953, a field exercise was held by the IV Arty Corps at the northern sector of Letzling Heath. As the contingents which left Rathenow on 4 and 5 May returned to their home station on 14 May, the field exercise probably lasted until 13 May 1953. A troop train of the IV Arty Corps was also observed unloading at Altengrabow on 14 May 1953. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. The shipments reported in paragraphs 8 and 13 are believed to be identical [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. Leisnig as dispatching station [REDACTED] indicate that the tank belonged to the 64th Gds Hv SF Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. The tank, however, was not a T-43 type but an JS tank or SF gun.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Probably artillery pieces belonging to the KVP.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Possibly a troop train carrying elements of an unidentified ground attack regiment previously stationed at Doeberitz airfield which probably was to be transferred to Brandenburg-Arado airfield.

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